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SUBJECT: SIAD SPEECH AT OAU SUMMIT: STRAIGHT SOVIET LINE

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1. ON JANUARY 12 SOMALI OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN SONNA PUBLISHED SIAD SPEECH AT OAU SUMMIT AT ADDIS, REPORTEDLY GIVEN YESTERDAY, JANUARY 11. SONNA VERSION CARRIES MOGADTSCIO DATELINE AND WE ASSUME IS BASED ON TEXT PROVIDED MININFO BEFORE SIAD'S DEPARTURE.

2. IN SPEECH, SIAD SAYS MPLA AND GOVERNMENT OF PRA ARE ONLY GENUINE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE. HE INSISTS THAT QTE VALUABLE HELP AND SUPPORT WHICH SOVIET UNION, CUBA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE EXTENDING TO GPRA.....CAN IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS FOREIGN INTERFERENCE UNQTE. SIAD EXPLAINS FURTHER THAT SOVIET AID HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY QTE SOVEREIGN AND LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLAN STATE UNQTE AND MOREOVER THAT MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WAS PROVIDED AT REQUEST OF OQU QTE COMPETENT ORGANS UNQTE -- MEANING OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE. OAU CANNOT THEREFORE QTE ENTERTAIN IDEA OF DENOUNCING SOVIET HELP SINCE THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO CONDEMNATION OF OUR OWN OAU DECISIONS AND BETRAYAL OF SACRED CAUSE OF AFRICAN LIBERATION.

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UNQTE.

3. SIAD CONCLUDES THIS ASPECT OF HIS PRAISE OF SOVIET RZWE WITH COMMENT THAT QTE SOVIET UNION AND INDEED ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SHOULD BE HAILED BY AFRICA FOR GENEROUS AND MAGNANIMOUS RESPONSE TO OAU APPEAL.

4. SIAD HAS IN PAST USED FOREIGN GHOSTWRITERS, INCLUDING ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, TO WRITE HIS FOREIGN POLICY SPEECHES. WE ALSO SUSPECT THAT HE HAS USED SOVIET ADVISORS TO POL OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY. SIAD SPEECH AT ADDIS, AT LEAST TEXT PUBLISHED HERE BY SONNA, IS REplete WITH LOCUTIONS WHICH NOT ONLY SUPPORT STRAIGHT SOVIET LINE ON ANGOLA BUT RAISE GENUINE DOUBTS AS TO ITS SOMALI AUTHORSHIP: -- QTE INDED, AN OBJECTIVE AND REALISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WILL REVEAL THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AT STAKE ARE NEITHER THE RESULT OF AN INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE -- A CONCEPT CALUCULATED TO CONFER UNDUE STATUS ON THE REACTIONARY -- NOR DO THEY SPRING FROM THE EXISTENCE OF FOREIGN RIVALRY AND COMPETITION IN THE ANGOLAN TERRITORY. IN EFFECT THE ANGOLAN TRAGEDY IS THE DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF A POPULAR PROGRESSIVE GOVT REPRESENTING THE TRUE INTEREST AND ASPIRATION OF THE ANGOLAN MASSES AGAINST THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF THE IMPERIALISTSUNQTE
-- QTE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF IDEOLOGY, I AM SURE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCIES WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT WE CANNOT QUESTION THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE ANGOLAN GOVT TO REELY CHOOSE THEIR OWN SOCIO-POLITICAL SYSTEM IN THE PARAMOUNT INTEREST OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE....UNQTE
-- QTE IN THEIR FRANTIC... EFFORTS TO FORCIBLY RECOLONIZE ANGOLA THE UNHLY ALLIANCE OF RACIST, IMPERIALIST, MERCENARY AND REACTIONARY AGGRESSIVE FORCES SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLY CAPITAL HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INHUMAN ATROCITIES... UNQTE -- QTE THE DYNAMIC PROCESS OF PEOPLE STOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM BY ARMED STRUGGLE IS AN IRREVERSIBEL PROCESS WHICH NO FORCE CAN STOP...UNQTE.

5. COMMENT: IT IS ONE THING FOR SIAD TO SUPPORT MPLA AND SOVIET ROLE IN ANGOLA BUT IT IS QUITE ANOTHER THING FOR HIM TO DO SO IN WHOLLY BOGUE RADIO MOSCOW ACCENT. WE WOULD SUPPOSE THAT SOURCE OF SIAD'S REMARKS AT ADDIS AUMMIT WILL NOT RPT NOT ESCAPE HIS AFRICAN COLLEAGUES, AT LEAST THOSE WHO ARE MORE SENSITIVE
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